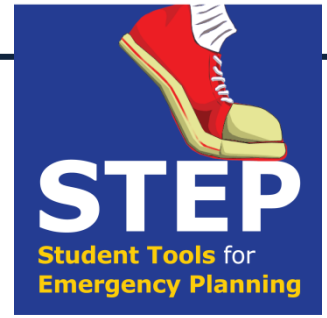


Homework: Preparing for Emergencies



Name: _____

Date: _____

Follow the steps Chris took in the video to be completely prepared for a large disaster or smaller emergency:

STEP 1: Find out what kind of disasters or emergencies are in your area. *Ask adults you know to tell you what they have experienced. Write 3 emergencies that are common in your area.*

STEP 2: Create a Family Communications Plan. *Schedule a meeting that includes every member of your household. Write your communications plan here:*

What will your family do if a hurricane or blizzard hits your home?

If there is a fire or other emergency in your home, you need a meeting place right outside your home. What is your **outside meeting place**?

If a disaster, like a flood, affects the roads around your home and neighborhood, you need a meeting place outside of your neighborhood such as a library or aunt's home. Where is your **out-of-neighborhood meeting place**?

A disaster or emergency may hit when family members are not all in the same place. You need a person you can all call to help you reconnect with each other who lives out-of-state. Who is your **out of state family's contact person**?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

STEP 3: Complete the following checklist. *Place a check mark next to each box after you and your family members have completed it.*



- ☐ Post emergency numbers by the phone (police, fire, poison control, doctor)
- ☐ Install smoke detectors or check the batteries in ones you already have installed
- ☐ Find and map 2 escape routes for each room in your home
- ☐ Fill out a family communication card for every family member and a family emergency information sheet. Plan to carry the cards with you wherever you go and post the sheet on the refrigerator or other easily accessible location.
- ☐ Assemble and update your family emergency kit with emergency supplies such as nonperishable food, water, non-electric radio, and flashlight. Make sure you have items for family members or pets with special medicines or needs. Place your emergency kit somewhere that is easy to access but out of the way for everyday activities.

STEP 4: Practice your Plan. *Schedule time next month or next year to go over your family communications plan and practice your evacuation routes. Draw a picture below of your family responding to a disaster or emergency.*

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a picture of the family responding to a disaster or emergency.